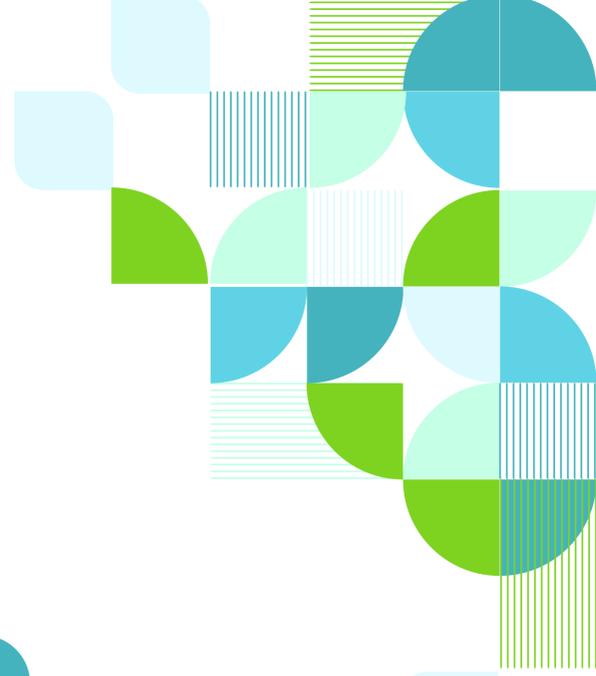


LB 322

Sharing responsibility for the safety of all Nebraska students, staff, and schools.



What is Safe2HelpNE?

Safe2HelpNE is an anonymous reporting system for students, school staff, and parents to share information about concerning behavior so an intervention can happen before the unthinkable happens.

Once received, the report is triaged and immediately directed back to the local school district for assessment and action to mobilize help and resources.



What is the goal of Safe2HelpNE?

The goal is to enhance school safety by interrupting concerning behaviors and wrapping support around the people who need it most. A wide range of concerning behaviors will be reported via this system. In similar statewide report lines, the number one reported concern was about someone considering suicide, second was bullying. Other concerns reported to the line include dating violence, and threats against people and property.



Why is Safe2HelpNE needed?

In over 80% of violent school incidents someone “leaked” information prior to the actual incident. This means 4 of 5 times someone knew what was about to happen.

Nearly 99% of 6,225 students surveyed in the Nebraska school security assessment indicated they would more likely report a gun brought to school if they could do it anonymously. Safe2HelpNE will fill a gap by providing a safe way to help someone before they do something tragic.



How does someone report?

Reporting methods include phone, mobile and web-based platforms monitored and responded to by trained crisis counselors. LB 322 creates a statewide multi-modal report system giving students, staff, and parents a safe and anonymous way to make reports.



What is the Nebraska model?

Safe2HelpNE is based on a model from Colorado. In 17 other states reports go directly to law enforcement, but the Nebraska model differs because all our reports will be triaged by trained crisis counselors. Safe2HelpNE will respond to reports 24 hours/7 days/365 days a year. Anonymity of the reporter is guarded unless the reporter decides otherwise or contraindicated by law.



Is Safe2HelpNE required for all schools?

It will be available for use by any interested K-12 schools in Nebraska. Some school districts currently have a reporting system. This system will fill a gap for the many districts (public and nonpublic) that do not have a system in place.



Who supports LB 322?

Nebraska State Board of Education, Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA), Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA), Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB), Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA), Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Children’s Education (STANCE), Boys Town, Nebraska Catholic Conference, Children’s Hospital, Omaha Police Department, Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska (PCAN). In addition, numerous other organizations wrote letters in full support. There was no opposition testimony.

